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REVISED SOIL PERFORMANCE STANDARD GUIDANCE

The RR Program has updated its "Guidance on Soil Performance Standards", publication RR-528. The guidance reviews when soil performance standards may be used, and how they impact closure decisions at sites with contaminated soil. The updated guidance incorporates changes to administrative rules since this guidance was first written, as well as new technical guidance for cover systems used as performance standards (see below). The updated guidance is on the web at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR528.pdf. If you have questions, please contact Terry Evanson at 608-266-0941, or at Theresa. Evanson@dnr.state.wi.us.

NEW TECHNICAL GUIDANCE FOR COVER SYSTEMS

The RR Program has also completed comprehensive new technical guidance for persons considering a remedy that employs a cover system as a performance standard for contaminated soil. This guidance reviews remedy selection, design, construction and operation and maintenance concepts. It includes specific examples of cover systems used as soil performance standards, and also describes review and implementation procedures used by RR staff. "Guidance for Cover Systems as Soil Performance Standard Remedies", publication RR-709, is on the web at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR709.pdf. If you have questions, please contact Gary Edelstein at 608-267-7563, or at Gary.Edelstein@dnr.state.wi.us.

NEW DRY CLEANER SITE INVESTIGATION BID FORM

DNR now requires a new form to be used when submitting bids for a site investigation (SI) at a Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF) site. The DERF SI Bid Summary form has undergone significant internal and external review and we expect it to help DERF applicants and DNR project managers compare bids and make the best selection. The first part of the form is completed by applicants and summarizes the bid proposals they have received (three are required) and also identifies their preferred consultant. The consultants who have prepared SI bids each complete the remainder of the form, including a summary page, drilling costs, analytical costs, consulting costs and miscellaneous costs. Form 4400-233 is on the web as an Excel spreadsheet at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/whats_new.htm. Users who download the form will be able to employ the math functions built into it. Instructions for completing the form are contained within the downloaded file or separately in Publication RR-717 at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR717.pdf. More information about the DERF Program can be found on our Dry Cleaner web page at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/dryclean.html.

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES EPA is hosting a free workshop for staff of state and local governments and tribes called "The Anatomy of a Real Estate Development, What Government Regulators Need to Know About Real Estate Development". The workshop will be in Chicago on May 11-12. The goal is to provide staff, managers and attorneys with knowledge of real estate principles, redevelopment and how to work effectively with developers. The course will cover land use and environmental regulations, including financial models and the impact of environmental issues on real estate development. For more information, contact Diane Dopkin at 301-589-5318, ext. 22.

BROWNFIELDS 2004 SCHOLARSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE

The Brownfields 2004 conference will be in St. Louis on September 20-22. A limited number of travel scholarships, intended to ensure diverse stakeholder participation, are still available. To be eligible you must be affiliated with, or a representative of a local government, state or tribal government, community organization, environmental justice organization, or nonprofit group. The application deadline is Tuesday, June 1, 2004. Information on the conference is available at http://www.brownfields2004.org/en/index.aspx, and includes the scholarship application form. The web site also has information about presentations, travel and lodging and conference highlights.

WEST CENTRAL REGION RR UPDATE

West Central Region (WCR) RR staff have completed another semi-annual update on program accomplishments in WCR and available mechanisms for clean up and redevelopment of contaminated sites. The update is on the web at

http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR719.pdf. If you have questions please contact Mae Willkom at 715- 839-3748 or at Mae.Willkom@dnr.state.wi.us.

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